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In re Patent Application of:
Robert W. BROCIA

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For: METHOD TO DETERMINE THE ACTIVITY
OF AN ENZYME

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced case. A Notice of Appeal was filed in the present application on 20 October 2003 along with a Petition to Revive the application as unintentionally abandoned. A decision on this Petition was mailed 27 April 2004 setting a two-month period for filing the Appeal Brief and noting that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are available. Accordingly, a five-month extension of time is required and a petition therefor is enclosed herewith along with the required fee.

A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee are also enclosed.